



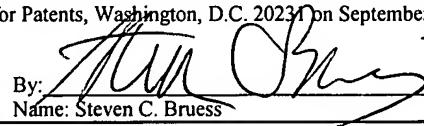
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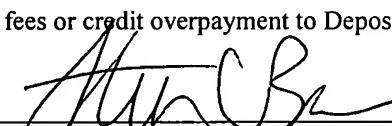
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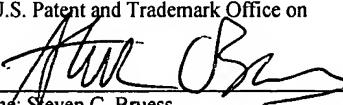
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. The fee of \$180.00 was previously paid for consideration of references under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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Also enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of the Notice of Allowance papers in connection with related U.S. Serial No. 09/828,575 filed on April 4, 2001. A copy of the Amendment referred to in the Notice of Allowance papers for U.S. Serial No. 09/828,575 is also enclosed. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of August 14, 2002 should have referred to parent application Serial No. 09/231,736 filed January 15, 1999 in the first sentence of paragraph three. U.S. application Serial No. 09/231,736 is now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,334,792, previously cited to the Patent Office.

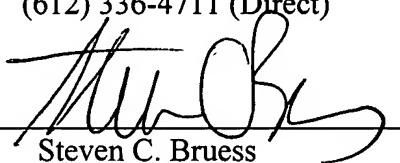
Consideration of the item listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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